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## Salamonie 'Twins Among the Trees' Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Feb. 2, March 2 and April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

## Manchester exhibit honors indigenous identity

Link Gallery at Manchester University offers art

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# Alleged bomb threat at WHS leads to arrest

WPD: A 15-year-old male is being held in a juvenile detention facility

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

An alleged bomb threat last week at Wabash High School (WHS) led to the arrest of a teenage boy. Wabash Police Department (WPD) public information officer Capt. Matt A. Benson said at around 2:39 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28

they responded to a note located at WHS. "The note was of an alleged bomb inside the high school," said Benson. Benson said the WPD in cooperation with WHS officials "immediately evacuated the school." Benson said the WPD, the Wabash County Sheriff's Department (WCSD) and

the Wabash Fire Department (WFD) were on scene. "The high school was secured and search of the school was completed," said Benson. Benson said the Fort Wayne Police Department (FWPD) bomb dogs assisted in searching the school. Benson said during this investigation, the WPD arrested a 15-year-old male has been arrested for the alleged threat. He is currently being held in a juvenile detention facility.

"All paperwork will be forwarded to the Wabash County Prosecutor," said Benson. "A criminal charge is merely an accusation. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty." No further information was available as of press time. This story will be updated as more information becomes available. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

# Manchester middle school students take top honors at MU Science Olympiad Invitational



Provided photo

The middle school team from Manchester Junior-Senior High School won the overall middle school competition.

The team will head to regional competition and compete for a spot in state competition

By ANNE GREGORY

Neither weather, quarantine, nor bus scheduling mishaps could stop the 2022 Manchester University Science Olympiad Invitational from taking place on Saturday, Jan. 22 in North Manchester. All of these certainly tried. Two hundred thirteen students, their coaches and their parents came from as far away as Bloomington, Indianapolis and South Bend to attend the day of the science competition. Students participated in

more than 30 events and competitions, with activities that include solving forensic cases, codebreaking, and constructing machines such as ping-pong parachutes and musical instruments. The middle school team from Manchester Junior-Senior High School won the overall middle school competition, with Northridge Middle School in second place and Winamac Middle School in third place. Northridge High School dominated the high school

division, with Northridge Gold placing third overall and Northridge Green placing first. Manchester High School's Manchester Black team placed second. "I am so proud of what these students, coaches, and MU volunteers accomplished," said chemistry Professor Kathy Davis, MU Science Olympiad Invitational coordinator. "The participants consistently tell us that our invitational is a positive experience, but this year was particularly special because there haven't been as many in-per-

son competitions. I'm in awe of their dedication and their performance." The invitational in North Manchester was another stepping stone on the road to regional competitions, where these teams will join other Indiana teams in competing for spots in the state competition. "Manchester University wishes them good luck in this next competition phase," Davis said. Science Olympiad is a national organization that

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# NMPD: Missing woman located out of state

Silver Alert for Penelope Kelsey, 50, was declared Friday, Jan. 28

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A Silver Alert was declared Friday, Jan. 28 for a missing North Manchester woman. The North Manchester Police Department (NMPD) is investigating the disappearance of Penelope Kelsey, a 50-year-old white female. She is 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, has brown hair and hazel eyes. She

was last seen wearing a black shirt and black pants. Kelsey was last seen at 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27. "She is believed to be in extreme danger and may require medical assistance," stated the alert. Though the alert had not been canceled as of press time, on Monday, Jan. 3, NMPD Chief Jim Kirk said they "know where she is and have told her family where she was." "At this time she isn't in

Indiana. We won't need any more information put out at this time," said Kirk. If you have any information on Kelsey, call the NMPD at 260-563-1111 or 911. No further information was available as of press time. This story will be updated as more information becomes available. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



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# Major storm could drop a foot or more of snow on area

NWS: 'Travel could be very difficult to impossible'

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A winter storm headed in this direction could drop more than a foot of snow on the area before it's over. On Tuesday, National Weather Service (NWS) Northern Indiana meteorologist Pat Murphy said the storm would begin as rain before transitioning over to a mix of sleet and freezing rain by about daybreak Wednesday. Murphy said that icy mix would change over quickly to moderate to heavy snow throughout the day on Wednesday, continuing through Wednesday evening. "The snow on Wednesday through Wednesday night will be heavy and wet, so there is a little concern for power outages and we'll see Thursday as colder air comes in, the snow will become lighter and fluffier and drier snow. And the winds are also going to pick up from the north to northeast," said Murphy. According to the NWS, a winter storm warning will remain in effect from 5 a.m. Wednesday to 7 p.m. Thursday. "Travel could be very difficult to impossible," stated the warning. "Widespread blowing snow could significantly reduce visibility. The hazardous conditions could impact travel starting Wednesday morning, persisting through the day Thursday. Rain will change to snow from northwest to southeast ... into Wednesday morning. The first round of snow will be when the heaviest snow will

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# ISDH reports 142nd local COVID-19 death

NMPL cancels all February programming due to increased local case counts

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) announced one new local COVID-19 death, bringing Wabash County's total to 142. The Omicron variant is now dominant, overtaking Delta. The resulting increased case counts can be seen across the state. Three weeks ago, the ISDH moved Wabash County's COVID-19 advisory level up from orange, the second-highest level, to red,

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Wabash City Plan Commission meeting time changed

Due to the possible incoming weather, the Wabash City Plan Commission meeting originally scheduled for 6:30 p.m. has been rescheduled for noon Wednesday, Feb. 2 at Wabash City Hill, according to a press release.

Board of Works meeting canceled due to weather conditions

The Wabash Board of Public Works and Safety meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 “has been canceled due to the pending winter storm conditions,” according to a press release. The property, 173 N. Hun-

tington St., listed on the agenda, has been moved to the Thursday, March 3 Board of Works meeting. The rest of the scheduled business will be conducted at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Feb. 17.

Woman's Clubhouse to hold February luncheon

The Woman's Clubhouse will welcome Emmilie Dewey, dubbed the “cheesecake queen,” for a question and answer session about her experiences in the kitchen during the group's monthly luncheon at noon Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 770 W. Hill St., according to Ellen Stouffer. The Woman's Clubhouse will also have ready our Valentine's Day fudge for pickup

if you placed an order. Make your reservations no later than Friday, Feb. 4 by calling Mary DeLauter at 260-563-6613 or Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088.

North Manchester Town Council meeting to be held virtually due to weather

The monthly North Manchester Town Council meeting set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2 will be held virtually over Zoom with the meeting ID of 2581172934, according to clerk-treasurer Carrie Mugford. “The council has decided to meet virtually this month in response to the expected winter storm the next few days,” said Mugford.

Eagle watching Trolley No. 85 tour on sale

The event is recommended for anyone 6 years old and up and is very walkable

STAFF REPORT

Visit Wabash County has announced tickets for the Eagle Watching Trolley No. 85 Tour is on sale, according to marketing manager Whitney Millspaugh. “Hop aboard Trolley No. 85 to learn about majestic eagles while seeing them in their natural element,” said Millspaugh. The tour will take place Saturday, Feb. 26, is \$30 per person and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center. “Eagle watching has been a favorite tradition in Wabash County, as eagles return to their breeding territories in late winter as food sources become available. During the tour, the Trolley will travel to Salamonie State Park where Teresa Rody, Interpretive Manager of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center, will lead the group around the property. You will have the opportunity to view eagles and eagle nests using a special sighting scope, meet a rescued owl, tour the Interpretive Center and learn about the importance of preserving the natural habitats of Indiana's wildlife,” said Millspaugh. “Coffee from a locally owned business, Sweet Brews, and specialty treats from Bailey's Pizza Parlor located in Roann will




Provided photo by Mike Millspaugh


The tour will take place Saturday, Feb. 26, is \$30 per person and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center.

be served along the tour.” This tour is recommended for anyone 6 years old and up and is very walkable. Binoculars and cameras are welcomed and encouraged. “I have wanted to plan a tour featuring eagle watching for quite some time,” said tourism manager Jennifer Long-Dillon. “I'm excited for you to see the eagles in their natural habitats in some lesser-known spots around Salamonie River State Forest. I hope you enjoy what I have planned for you.” Payment is due upon registration. To purchase tickets, visit [www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours), visit 221 S. Miami St. or call 260- 563-7171.


5-Day Weather Summary




Wednesday  
Rain Likely  
41 / 25




Thursday  
Snow Likely  
26 / 11



Friday  
Mostly Cloudy  
19 / 1




Saturday  
Mostly Sunny  
23 / 11





Sunday  
Mostly Cloudy  
32 / 14


Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 6:04 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:48 a.m.

First  
2/8

Full  
2/16

Last  
2/23

New  
3/2

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 100% chance of rain, high temperature of 41°, humidity of 97%. East wind 7 to 13 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of snow, overnight low of 25°. North wind 10 to 16 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 14°.

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occur with 8 to 12 inches of snow is expected. Additional accumulations are expected Thursday along with blowing and drifting snow and falling temperatures. Visibilities will be reduced Thursday, especially in rural areas.” According to the NWS, This storm will bring potentially dangerous winter weather early Wednesday through Thursday. “Unplowed roads are likely to become impassable in mainly rural areas,” stated the NWS. “Plummeting wind chills accompanied by blowing and drifting snow could bring a potentially lethal travel situation with wind chills falling below zero if you become stuck in your vehicle Thursday night. Plan now to make any needed travel changes to avoid travel during this time. Monitor the latest forecasts for updates on this developing major winter storm. If you must travel, keep an extra flashlight, food and water in your vehicle in case of an emergency.” Duke Energy is monitoring and preparing for power outages across Indiana, said Duke Energy manager of government and community relations Kevin Johnston. “As severe winter weather approaches, we're encouraging customers across our service territories to prepare for possible outages,” said Duke Energy general manager for emergency preparedness Kevin Morgan. “Our team is making preparations to ensure we can restore electricity to impacted customers as soon as possible.” Snow on its own typically has little to no impact on the electric system. However, heavy wet snow accumulation, freezing rain and high winds may bring down trees, limbs and power lines. These types of winter storms can also create hazardous driving conditions, which could delay and impede Duke Energy workers' ability to assess storm damage and restore power. “Duke Energy has called in 300 additional response workers from out-of-state utilities – including lineworkers, damage assessors and vegetation crews – to supplement local crews and speed power restoration. Crews will work around the clock to restore power in impacted communities as quickly as possible,” said Johnston. Ice buildup on trees and branches that causes them to fall on power lines is usually the main culprit behind power outages during a winter storm. Specifically, ice buildup of a quarter-inch or more is often the threshold amount that causes trees and branches to topple. The heavy weight of significant ice buildup directly on power lines themselves can sometimes cause the lines to fall or sag, as well. Heavy, wet snow of 6 inches or more also can cause trees and branches to fall on power lines. After the storm, as conditions permit, crews will assess the damage – a process that can take 24 hours or more, depending on damage severity and road conditions. Damage assessment determines the types of crews, equipment and supplies needed to restore electricity to each power outage location. Simultaneously, while damage assessment is underway in some of the harder-hit areas, repair work will begin in other areas where feasible. Customers can report power outages by texting “OUT” to 57801 or by calling 800-343-3525. They may also report an outage online at [duke-energy.wcom/outages](http://duke-energy.wcom/outages) or through the Duke Energy mobile app. Duke Energy will provide estimated power restoration times to customers as soon as those times are determined. Customers can take steps to safely prepare for winter weather and outages that may impact them by doing the following:

Ensure an adequate supply of flashlights, batteries, bottled water, nonperishable foods, medicines, etc., as well as the availability of a portable, battery-operated radio, TV or weather radio. Customers should make alternate shelter arrangements as needed if they will be significantly impacted by a loss of power – especially families who have special medical needs or elderly members. Stay away from power lines that have fallen or are sagging. Consider all lines energized as well as trees or limbs in contact with lines. Report downed power lines to Duke Energy or local emergency services. If a power line falls across a car that you're in, stay in the car. If you must get out of the car due to a fire or other immediate life-threatening situation, do your best to jump clear of the car and land on both feet. Be sure that no part of your body is touching the car when your feet touch the ground. Ice and snow can cause hazardous driving conditions resulting in traffic accidents and downed utility poles and power lines that, in turn, can cause isolated power outages. If you're driving and encounter emergency responders or other roadside work crews, remember to move over. If you use a generator due to a power outage, follow the manufacturer's instructions to ensure safe and proper operation. Operate your generator outside; never operate it inside a building or garage. Don't use grills or other outdoor appliances or equipment indoors for space heating or cooking, as these devices may emit carbon monoxide. Be prepared for an emergency by purchasing an emergency preparedness kit from the Red Cross. For more information, visit [duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety](http://duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety). Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at [rburgess@wabashplainedeal.com](mailto:rburgess@wabashplainedeal.com).

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Middle School B Team Rankings

1. Manchester Junior-Senior High School (junior high team)

2. Northridge Middle School

3. Winamac Middle School

4. Harshman Middle School

High School C Teams

5. Northridge High School Green

6. Manchester Junior-Senior High School Black (HS team)

7. Northridge High School Gold

8. Bloomington High School White

9. Mississinewa High School

10. Bloomington High School Purple

11. Mt. Vernon High School

12. Riley High School Blue

13. Columbia City High School

14. Avon High School

15. Shortridge High School

16. Northridge High School Black

17. Benton Central High School

18. Manchester Junior-Senior High School Red (HS team)

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# Obituaries

## Pfizer asks FDA to allow COVID vaccine for kids under 5

By **ZEKE MILLER**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. regulators are urging drug-maker Pfizer to apply for emergency authorization for a two-dose regimen of its COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months to 5 years old while awaiting data on a three-dose course, aiming to clear the way for the shots as soon as late February, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press.

The company’s application is expected to be submitted as soon as Tuesday.

Early Pfizer data has shown the vaccine – which is administered to younger kids at one-tenth the strength of the adult shot – is safe and produces an immune response. But last year Pfizer announced the two-dose shot proved to be less effective at preventing COVID-19 in

kids ages 2-5, and regulators encouraged the company to add a third dose to the study on the belief that another dose would boost the vaccine’s effectiveness much like booster doses do in adults.

Now, the Food and Drug Administration is pushing the company to submit its application based on the two-dose data for potential approval in February and then to return for additional authorization once it has the data from the third dose study, which is expected in March, the person familiar with the matter said. The two-step authorization process could mean that young children could be vaccinated more than a month earlier than previous estimates, assuming the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention greenlight the shots.

The person said the decreased effectiveness of the two-dose vaccine was not unexpected given the emergence of the highly transmissible omicron variant of COVID-19. Allowing young kids to be vaccinated with a two-dose shot earlier would ultimately accelerate when they could get the expected stronger protection from a third dose.

That would be welcome news for parents of young children, the last remaining age group without approval of COVID-19 shots.

Young children are far less likely than adults to develop serious complications or to die from COVID-19, but incidences of illness among the age group have risen amid the nationwide spike in cases from the omicron variant. Most cases and deaths occur among older people, especially those who are un-

vaccinated.

Speeding the authorization of pediatric vaccines against COVID-19 has been a priority for more than a year of the Biden administration, which believes them critical to re-opening and keeping open schools and day care centers – and for freeing up parents occupied by child care responsibilities to return to the workforce.

Vaccines for kids ages 5-12 were approved by U.S. regulators in November, though uptake of shots has been slower than U.S. officials hoped.

Pfizer’s primary series is administered three weeks apart. The third dose for young kids is being studied for administration at least two months after the second dose.

News of the earlier regulatory review was first reported by The Washington Post.

## Work-from-home spurs blue-collar Americans to seek career shifts

By **ALEX TANZI**  
Bloomberg News (TNS)

The pandemic shift to working at home has spurred blue-collar Americans – who’ve largely been left out of that trend – to seek a career change.

A new study by the Oliver Wyman Forum found that the desire for more work flexibility was a key motivation for blue-collar employees to make the transition. It also said that almost four out of five who tried were successful.

“Despite being front and center during the spread of COVID-19, the well-being of blue-collar workers took a back seat,” the report said. “Most clocked hours in person – putting themselves and their loved ones at risk – while they watched their white-collar counterparts migrate to comfortable and safe remote setups, with their jobs and pay protected.”

To be sure, any such moves are on a small scale when measured against the overall labor force. Still, they can add to the difficulties facing U.S. businesses as they try to fill record numbers of vacant jobs — more than 10 million as of November – in a rebounding economy.

Federal Reserve surveys of manufacturing firms continue to highlight the shortfall. “Applicants are trickling in,” one firm told the Kansas City Fed. “Not fast enough to satisfy current demand.”

Economists point to lagging pay, COVID-19 sickness, a lack of child-care facilities and early retirements among the reasons



Leticia Maldonado works in the packing area at the factory for the Dr. Bronner’s company on Oct. 24, 2019 in Vista, California.

for the squeeze. Career re-thinks may be another one.

### ‘Gladly Stay’

Research by Brad Hershbein, an economist at the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, shows that there was a bigger migration last year – compared with 2019 – from blue-collar jobs in construction or mining to more office-based fields.

Using U.S. Census Bureau data for the three months through November, he calculates that between 6.5 percent and 8.4 percent of blue-collar workers from construction, transportation and production who changed their jobs moved to white-collar professions.

The Oliver Wyman Forum study found that the shift from blue- to white-collar work has been most pronounced in IT industries, including cyber security, and sales. Respondents to the group’s survey said they quit because they

wanted more flexible hours and better benefits.

“If they’d let me have some of the flexibility that we see our white-collar counterparts experiencing,” said one participant, “I’d gladly stay.”

Like the option to work from home, benefits such as paid sick leave aren’t evenly distributed. The latter was available to only 59 percent of workers in service occupations, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said last March, compared with 93 percent in management, professional and related occupations.

### Alternative Paths

The pandemic has boosted demands for a better work environment, says Jerry Lee, co-founder of Wonsulting, which helps job-seekers from less advantaged backgrounds find work.

He also says firms that are strapped for talent are reconsidering the entry criteria for some types of jobs – opening

alternative paths to white-collar work.

Insurer Aon Plc, for example, has dropped a degree requirement for some positions and organized its own specialized training via a local community college. International Business Machines Corp. and PwC have also relaxed their credential criteria.

College enrollments are down by almost 1 million in the pandemic, with the biggest drop among men. Lee says that free or low-cost programs have helped lower barriers to entry for some jobs. He cites Google Career Certificates, a program that was initially used by Alphabet Inc. to train its own tech support staff, and has since been made public and expanded.

The majority of the program’s 50,000 graduates identify as African-American, Hispanic, female, or military veterans without a college degree, according to Google.

### George William Smith

July 18, 1930 – Jan. 30, 2022



George William Smith, 91, of North Manchester, Indiana, died at 2:20 am, Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester. He was born on July 18, 1930, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to Edward Franklin and Hanna Lavinia (Hope) Smith.

George was a graduate of Cape Central High School in Cape Girardeau, and received his bachelors degree in accounting from S.E. Missouri State. He married Mary Lou Bohnert at St. Joseph Church in Jasper, Indiana on July 2, 1960. George was the Northern Area Manager for Public Service Indiana for 37 years. He was a US Army veteran, and a member of the Wabash American Legion Post 15, and a life member of the Wabash Elks Lodge. He was a passionate golfer and played for over 75 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Smith of North Manchester; three sons, Scott (Roxann Christle) Smith of Hayesville, North Carolina, Greg (Andrea) Smith of Arcadia, Indiana, and Grant (Lora) Smith of Fishers, Indiana; five grandchildren, Katie (Tyler) Spanek of Atlanta, Georgia, Kyle (Julianna Duncan) Smith of Chicago, Illinois,

Sarah Smith of Fishers, Sydney Smith of Arcadia, and Garrett Smith of Fishers; two brothers, Robert Smith and Jack (Susan) Smith, both of St. Louis, Missouri, sister, Jane Ann Kenner and sister-in-law, Bunny Smith, both of Cape Girardeau. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Richard Smith, sister-in-law Euna Smith, and his twin infant sister.

Funeral services will be at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is American Cancer Society.

The memorial guest book for George may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### James Lee ‘Jim’ Townsend

James Lee “Jim” Townsend, 86, Warsaw, Indiana, passed away Jan. 29, 2022.

James is survived by his wife, Margaret “Suzy” Townsend; sons, Daniel Townsend, and Jonathan (Whitney) Townsend; daughters, Frances Townsend, Diane Townsend, and Cindy Paeth; sister, Kristina Dorton; sister-in-law, Billie Townsend; and five grand-

children. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, James and Jessie Townsend; brother, Gary Townsend; son-in-law, Leonard Paeth; and brother-in-law, Monte Dorton.

Family and friends may call Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, North Manchester, Indiana. A celebration of Jim’s life will begin after calling.

### Sharon Louise Bitzel

Sharon Louise Bitzel, 75, North Manchester, formerly of Huntington, passed away on Jan. 30th, 2022 at home.

The loving memory of Sharon Louise Bitzel will be forever cherished by her husband, Raymond Paul Bitzel Sr.; sons, Douglas McGinnis, and Raymond (Yolanda) Bitzel Jr.; daughters, Ginny McGinnis and Kira (Troy) Wardwell;

brother, Jim (Cheryl) Thorn; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Virginia (Shaw) Thorn, and one sister, Sue Tucker.

Calling is Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana.

### Joseph P. Martin

Joseph P. Martin, of Wabash, passed away on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022.

Per Joe’s wishes there will be no services. Burial will take place at Centergrove Cemetery in Lincolnville, Indiana.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

## Whoopi Goldberg regrets saying Holocaust not about race

NEW YORK (AP) — Whoopi Goldberg expressed regret Tuesday for saying on “The View” a day earlier that race was not a factor in the Holocaust, saying she was “deeply, deeply grateful” for getting an education on the topic.

“The View” brought on Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League and author of “It Could Happen Here,” to discuss why her words had been hurtful.

Greenblatt said “The View,” in the market for a new co-host following last summer’s departure of Meghan McCain, should consider hiring a Jewish woman to keep the issue of antisemitism in the forefront.

Goldberg had apologized via social media late Monday for her statements on the show that day, where she said the Holocaust was “not about race ... it’s about man’s inhumanity to other man.” Panelists on the show had been talking about a Tennessee school board’s banning of “Maus,” a Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel about the Nazi death camps during World War II.

“I misspoke,” Goldberg said at the opening of Tuesday’s show.

“My words upset so many people, which was never my

intention,” she said. “I understand why now and for that I am deeply, deeply grateful because the information I got was really helpful and helped me understand some different things.”

She said that “words matter and mine are no exception. I regret my comments and, as I said, I stand corrected and I stand with the Jewish people as they know and y’all know, because I’ve always done that.”

Greenblatt said that many people in the 21st century consider race to be simply about people of color. But Nazi leader Adolf Hitler considered Jews to be an inferior race, which he used to justify the killings.

Goldberg’s apology via Twitter on Monday night, where she said she was sorry for the hurt that she caused, was welcomed by Jewish leaders in the U.S., and the chairman of Israel’s national Holocaust memorial invited her for an educational visit.

Goldberg’s “apology and clarification are important,” said Yad Vashem chairman Dani Dayan, who invited her to the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem to “learn more about the causes, events and aftermath of the Holocaust.”

## Senate advances ban on ‘harmful’ library materials

By **CASEY SMITH**  
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INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana lawmakers pushed forward a Republican-backed bill on Tuesday that aims to restrict students from accessing “harmful materials” at libraries.

Republican Sen. Jim Tomes of Wadesville said his legislation would remove educational purposes as a reason that public schools and libraries could claim legal protection for sharing “harmful material” with minors. That includes books and other materials deemed to be obscene, pornographic or violent.

The measure cleared the Senate on Tuesday in a 34-15 vote, largely along party lines. Five Republican senators joined Democrats in voting against the proposal, which now heads to the House.

Tomes maintained that the bill does not change current

law, which already outlines “strict criteria” that has to be met for a book to be considered illegal. Instead, he said the bill ensures that “repugnant” and “absolutely disgusting” materials would not be accessible to K-12 students.

“These are not classic novels, renaissance pictures, excerpts from he Bible,” Tomes said. “This is not about guns. It’s not about communism. It’s about raw, nasty, filthy pornographic literature. Books.”

Senate Democrats pushed back, arguing that the proposal would lead to a ban on books of educational value that are only deemed “harmful” or “offensive” by some.

Democrat Sen. J.D. Ford of Indianapolis noted that libraries and schools already have a process in place for contesting and removing concerning materials. He added that the current law does not present a clear enough definition of

material harmful to minors, which could lead to “due process and enforceability concerns.”

“Parents have a different perspective about what is harmful to minors, and that is the crux of this bill. The definition of what someone may deem harmful, and someone else may deem harmful ... it creates vagueness,” he said. “While some of the content in question may be distasteful, or not what the parent would select for the child, the content is not what a reasonable person would determine harmful to minors.”

Senate Republicans pushed ahead with the bill, even after they effectively defeated a proposal with similar language last month.

The separate Senate bill, authored by Republican Sen. Scott Baldwin of Noblesville, would have prohibited K-12 teachers from including or promoting certain “divisive

concepts” in classrooms. It also included a provision aimed at stopping the “dissemination of material harmful to minors.”

Baldwin drew widespread condemnation when he said teachers must be “impartial” when discussing Nazism and other political ideologies, although he later walked back his comments.

The bills are part of a series of proposals by conservative lawmakers in the current session, which they say would increase transparency of K-12 school curricula and give parents more say on what is taught in schools.

A House version of Baldwin’s bill was approved by lawmakers last week and is now under consideration in the Senate. The legislation would require classroom materials to be posted online and vetted by parent review committees, and restrict teaching about racism and politics.



# Downtown Wabash First Friday schedule kicking off in February

‘We heart Downtown’ theme will feature new micro-event

STAFF REPORT

Downtown Wabash First Fridays, presented by Wabash Marketplace, will return in February with a “We ‘heart’ Downtown” theme highlighting small business specials and offerings, according to public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

February First Friday is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 in downtown Wabash.

Ellis said guests who venture to downtown Wabash for First Friday will find that local small businesses are open later than usual with special shopping, dining and entertainment deals and offerings.

Ellis said small business owners are excited to welcome the First Friday crowd into their shops following the quiet month of January.

“I can’t wait to see everyone out and about for February’s First Friday,” said Bellazo owner Darcy Vail.

“It’s such a special night for friends and family to gather and a great way to stay connected to our community.”

In addition to specialty shopping, dining and entertainment features, February’s First Friday will feature a debut “micro-event” within the First Friday event itself.

Creative Canvas Workshop, hosted by local artist Danielle Winger at Make It Your Own Art Studio, is open to all painters with any level of experience. The workshop includes instruction and all supplies for painting a romantic landscape of frosted trees beneath the twinkling night sky. Creative Canvas Workshop will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased online at WabashMarketplace.org/store/p48/canvas.

Downtown Wabash First Fridays in 2022 are sponsored by Crossroads Bank, Beacon Credit Union, 95.9 KISS FM, Wabash County Museum and Pettit Printing.

For more information, visit WabashMarketplace.org/firstfriday.

## COVID-19

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the highest. Now, Wabash County remained in the red, along with every other county in the state.

In response to the local increases of positive COVID-19 cases in the county, the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will be canceling all in-person programs for February, said NMPL adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann.

“The safety of our staff and patrons is our number one priority, and we will continue to closely monitor the situation, as well as stay in touch with local health officials,” said NMPL director Diane Randall.

Hann said in the meantime, NMPL has a “dynamic lineup of exciting online programming events, from crafting programs to Storytimes to cooking demonstrations.”

“We’re so excited for some of these virtual programs, and we can’t wait to spend time with you online!” said NMPL children’s department manager Sarah Morbitzer. “We are hopeful that we can resume in-person programming in March, as long as the numbers improve. Updates will be posted on the NMPL social media pages and website.”

Hann said the meeting rooms, Blocher Community Room, Makerspace and Playroom will be temporarily closed as well.

Hann said the NMPL will re-open these spaces as soon as the positivity count for Wabash County drops beneath 25 percent. As of Tuesday, Feb. 1, the ISDH reported the local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 24.6 percent, and the local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 47.8 percent.

“We thank the North Manchester community for all their support,” said Randall. “We look forward to continuing to serve you through a wealth of e-resources and online virtual programs.”

Hann said the NMPL encouraged all patrons to take advantage of the libraries and free e-library.

For more information, visit [www.nman.lib.in.us](http://www.nman.lib.in.us)

At the state level, on Tuesday, Feb. 1, Gov. Eric Holcomb signed Executive Orders 22-01 and 22-02, which, among other items, extended the public health emergency for another 30 days. The Executive Orders expire at midnight on Friday, March 4.

Also on Tuesday, Feb. 1, an approaching winter storm is leading to changes in operations this week for COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics run by the ISDH and many local

health departments.

All state-run mobile clinics will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2. The clinic across from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway also will be closed Thursday, Feb. 3. In addition, state-run mobile clinics in Porter, La Porte, St. Joseph, Pulaski, Huntington, DeKalb, Cass, Fountain, Warren, Shelby, Madison, Howard, Vigo and Vermillion counties will be closed Thursday, Feb. 3.

“Additional schedules for sites south of Johnson County will be assessed based on weather conditions,” stated the ISDH.

Updates to state-operated sites will be reflected at [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and [www.ourshot.in.gov](http://www.ourshot.in.gov).

“Individuals with appointments at a state-run vaccination or testing site will be notified if the site closes with instructions to reschedule. Because sites run by local health departments and other entities also could be affected, anyone who plans a walk-in visit to a COVID-19 testing or vaccination site should contact the site to ensure it is open before going,” stated the ISDH.

COVID-19 vaccines are available to Hoosiers age 5 and older, and boosters are approved for eligible individuals age 12 and older. Hoosiers can make a vaccination appointment at [www.ourshot.in.gov](http://www.ourshot.in.gov) by searching for ZIP code 46222. Individuals under age 18 can only receive the Pfizer vaccine. Parents seeking pediatric doses for children ages 5 to 11 should verify that birthdates are entered correctly when registering to ensure that a Pfizer pediatric dose is available.

For more information, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) or [parkview.com/covid](http://parkview.com/covid) vaccine.

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## PULSE

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pieces by North Manchester resident Briana “Bri” Floor in “Indigi-Flections: Reflections on an Indigenous Identity.” The exhibit continues through Feb. 4. Link Gallery is in Winger Hall on East Street in North Manchester. The public is welcome, and masks are required inside MU buildings.

### Taste of Love Trolley No. 85 Tour on sale

Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets for the Taste of Love Trolley No. 85 Tour are now on sale. The tour will take place on Saturday, Feb. 5, is \$50 per person and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center in downtown Wabash with a champagne toast. The progressive dinner stops include 950 Speakeasy Bistro, Eagles Ballroom and Gallery 64. This is a tour for those ages 21 and up and there will be average walking required. Payment is due upon registration. To purchase tickets online, visit [www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours), visit 221 S. Miami St. or call 260-563-7171.

### Manchester Values, Ideas and the Arts series continues

Manchester University’s Values, Ideas and the Arts series have a robust schedule for the spring semester. Presentations are at 11 a.m. Monday’s in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. All except the “Spaces” concert are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Other presentations will also be live-streamed on the Manchester Facebook page. Check the schedule at [www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA](http://www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA) for updates. Feb. 7 – “Mindfulness and Impacts on Mental Well-Being” by Jon Walker, a retired physician from Modestly Mindful is our speaker. Feb. 14 – “How Did the Taliban Get the Holy Grail?” Jannina Traxler, professor emerita of French and English at Manchester, will speak about the legend of the Holy Grail as it is treated in popular culture. Feb. 21 – “I Never Give Up”: Reflections on Volunteering at a Juvenile Prison” by faculty member Stacy Erickson-Petski. Feb. 28 – “Meant for So Much More” is the topic of President Dave McFadden’s Spring Convocation. March 7 – “Race and Racism, Historical and Current Experiences.” A panel of alumni and current students of color will talk about their experiences and perspectives. March 14 – “PeaceTech: Engineering to Change the World” by Zia Haque will look at how we can think about peace and train young peacebuilders and peace engineers in a digital age. April 4 – “Manchester and the United Nations: The Legacy of Andrew Cordier.” Manchester seniors Christopher Carroll and Omar Gadzhiev will discuss the United Nations and Manchester’s historical relationship with the institution. April 11 – In “CommuniKate: Artalive,” Kate Billingsley offers a comic performance portraying a young American moving to Spain, using improvisation and cultural anecdotes. April 18 – Alicia Smith, community liaison with Junction Coalition in Toledo, Ohio, presents “Environmental Justice & Community Democracy – BI-POC & Beyond,” an exploration of justice and fairness for

people in the face of climate injustice. April 25 – Mary Miller, CEO and owner of JANCOA Janitorial Services, will speak in “Dream Big” about how treating people well at work has transformed her life. May 2 – “Trailblazers: Honoring Manchester’s First Black Students” is the keynote address on the day Manchester is naming the Academic Center in honor of siblings Martha and Joseph Cunningham. May 9 – Manchester seniors will talk about their senior honors theses: Kendall Brown, “Immigration in Wabash County: A Case Study;” Madison Brown, “Efficacy of Variations of Carbocyclic Nucleoside Analogues Against HIV Protease;” Mallory Sands, “Investigating the Local and Systemic Wounding Response in Soybeans;” and Samuel Springer, “Social Media and Me: An Analysis of the Relationship between Social Media Usage, Self-Esteem and Identity among Sexual and Ethnic Minority Members.” May 15 at 3 p.m. in Cordier – Violist Derek Reeves performs the world premiere of “Spaces,” a concerto composed for him by Professor Debra Lynn, director of choral organizations and vocal studies at Manchester. This is a collaboration with the Manchester Symphony Orchestra, where Lynn is the conductor.

### Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold February meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be on Joseph White’s Residential & Family Services by Dana Brady. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

### Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Feb. 9 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org/classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://www.curehunger.org/classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

### Manchester hosts Polar Plunge to aid Special Olympics Indiana

Manchester University invites area groups and individuals to take part in the Polar Plunge, a fundraising event to help support Special Olym-

pics Indiana. Freezin’ for a Reason begins with registration from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 near the new ticket booth at the Spartan Stadium on Manchester’s North Manchester campus. The big splash begins at noon. Each person needs to raise a minimum of \$85 to plunge. Team members can sign up as participants, which means they jump in the water, or “virtual plungers,” who raise money but do not get wet. Register online as an in-person or virtual participant at <https://secure.e2rm.com/p2p/location/367864>. Fundraise by sharing the link to your fundraising page and collecting cash and checks from people in your community. Friends don’t let friends plunge alone. Ask your friends, family and co-workers to get involved. Take the plunge on Feb. 19. Bring your pledge form and/or a copy of your online pledges to your Polar Plunge event. Turn in all offline donations, sign your waiver, and prepare to get cold. Plungers must be at least 12 years old by the day of the event to enter the water. Those younger than 18 must have a signature from a parent or guardian. For more information, email [KNGower@manchester.edu](mailto:KNGower@manchester.edu). Organizers advise wearing old gym shoes you don’t mind getting wet. Participants should bring a pair of dry shoes, a towel or robe and a change of clothes. Some plungers wear costumes over bathing suits.

### Wabash County esports ‘SuperSmash in the Bash’ tournament announced

An esports tournament for Wabash county high school students has been announced. Any high school student can register and play even without a coach. The “Super Smash Bros. Ultimate” “SuperSmash in the Bash” Invitational has been planned for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Wabash High School. Free registration is open to any Wabash County student. Registration runs until the start time. There will be rules meeting at 8:45 a.m. The round starts and bracket will be final by 9 a.m. at [challonge.com](http://challonge.com). The rounds will be best of three. The winner’s finals, losers’ finals and grand finals will be the best of five. There will be a “for fun” “Mario Kart” tournament starting at 10 a.m. for those who are eliminated. There will be a \$100 prize pool, including Amazon gift cards. It will be a double-elimination tournament, with a \$50 prize for first place, and \$25 prizes for second and third places. The first 50 players to register will receive a free personal pan pizza coupon at the event, with additional large pizza prizes for the winners. It is strongly recommended that you bring your own controller. You may bring your own Switch for free play. To register for the upcoming tournament, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3z5hn5a3>. For more information, email [burnsj@apaches.k12.in.us](mailto:burnsj@apaches.k12.in.us).

### Miami County Junior Achievement announces new fundraising event

Junior Achievement serv-

ing Miami County has announced their first-ever e-chre championship on Feb. 19 at the Peru Moose Lodge 110 N. Broadway, Peru. The organization is looking for event sponsors, table sponsors and teams to enter into the game. Event sponsors are \$300 and include four teams of two players each. Table sponsors are \$100, teams of two are \$50 and a single registration is \$25. Junior Achievement serving Miami County provides classes in Peru Community Schools, North Miami Schools and Maconaquah Schools reaching approximately 725 students. To register, visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mcgo/> or send an order form and check to Junior Achievement serving Miami County, P.O. Box 1344, Peru, IN 46970. For more information, email Courtney Ozminkowski at [Courtney.Ozminkowski@FFBT.com](mailto:Courtney.Ozminkowski@FFBT.com) or call Miller at 574-551-4698 or email [Beth.Miller@ja.org](mailto:Beth.Miller@ja.org).

### Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including March 1, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://facebook.com/upperwabash).

### WHS graduates encouraged to apply for the Lucille Camp scholarship

Wabash High School (WHS) has announced that they are preparing to award scholarship funds that have been endowed by the Lucille Camp Scholarship Foundation. To be eligible to receive funds from the Lucille Camp Scholarship Trust, applicants must be either a 2022 graduate of WHS or a student who graduated from WHS within the last three years, in either 2019, 2020 or 2021. Students must have not previously received grants from the trust for more than three academic years. Eligible students may not be related by blood or marriage, within a third degree of consanguinity, to an officer, director, employee or agent of the trustee, which is GBC Bank, who is actively involved in the administration of the trust or the management of its assets. Applications are available in the Guidance Office at WHS or on the Wabash City Schools (WCS) website at <https://www.apaches.k12.in.us/> under High School-Scholarships. Completed applications are due to the WHS Guidance Office by Friday, March 4. For more information, call 260-563-4131.



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**Hebrews 4:12**

# Democrats must keep fighting to Build Back Better

President Joseph Biden's signature Build Back Better legislation – including provisions for health care, climate change, housing and early childhood education – is ambitious and transformational. It may also be doomed. Democrats cannot allow intraparty squabbling to keep them from delivering on the sweeping bill, even if that sweep must be cut back. The narrow control of Congress by the president's party means that any hopes of passing the Build Back Better Act in the Senate go through Sen. Joe Manchin, the West Virginia Democrat

who has proved consistently frustrating in his wavering. After months of negotiations, Manchin went on Fox News in December to announce he could not support the proposed legislation. Last week, he told the Wall Street Journal that any deal-making was back to square one. "I'm hoping to talk to everybody and start with a clean sheet of paper," Manchin said. "We'll just be starting from scratch whenever we start." U.S. Rep. Pramila Jayapal, a Seattle Democratic representative in Congress and a key player in getting the bill passed in the House,

said she is optimistic they can reach an agreement, but that time is running out. "Sen. Manchin made a commitment to the president, and we believe that he should be able to agree to that again. That's the work of the next four to six weeks," she said. "We have to get it done before March 1, before the president comes to the State of the Union." Jayapal, who chairs the Congressional Progressive Caucus, has taken flak from some on the left, who argue that progressives gave away their leverage when they agreed to support a separate \$1.2 trillion bipartisan

infrastructure spending package. But she was right to back pragmatism then, and Democrats must continue to do so now. Even a slimmed down Build Back Better Act could still include vital funding to reduce greenhouse emissions and fight climate change, provide health care subsidies, and improve and expand the social safety net. It bears repeating that lost in the media narrative of Democratic infighting is the outrageous fact that Republicans refuse to be part of any solution, regardless that polls have shown that

Americans widely support most provisions in the act. There's little incentive for the GOP to act, though, as that abdication of responsibility has proven smart politically. As they argue among themselves, Democrats have been left as the face of ineffective government, with Biden's approval rating hitting the lowest numbers of his presidency. It may be too late to stave off the political fallout in the midterm elections, but Democrats still have a chance to do something transformative. They are too close to falter now. *This editorial was first published in The Seattle Times.*



## Chick-fil-A as a tasty window into innovation

The pandemic continues to offer insights into a variety of economic phenomena. One that is particularly interesting is the role of automation, innovation and productivity growth. I can think of few better examples than that of Chick-fil-A. I must report that researching this column required several site visits. One cannot effectively judge productivity growth without some data on product quality. I trust readers appreciate that personal sacrifice.

Two years ago, if you were to ask any cross-section of automation researchers where the next big innovations in productivity would occur, none would have said fast food. I say that as someone who has written a great deal of technical work about the effects of automation. Then the pandemic hit, and American businesses responded. Few did so as quickly and visibly as fast food restaurants.

It is too early to tell which businesses responded most effectively, or which ones ended up being most profitable in the long run. The full effects of the pandemic endure, and I think it likely that firms will continue to adapt and learn from one another. What worked well in June 2020 may not be the best approach in June 2022. What interests me most about Chick-fil-A, aside from their chicken strips with buffalo sauce, is the comprehensive way they innovate. It is a tasty lesson in economics.

When pressed to describe productivity growth in a business, most of us would say it is due to robotics or computers, but that is usually only part of the story. People and operations matter as well, and nobody I have seen makes it as clear as Chick-fil-A in the wake of COVID. The shift in the early days of the pandemic illustrates how this is done well and why it should be welcomed by everyone except competitors.

The early days of the pandemic caused many restaurants to close. As they re-opened, sales were limited to carryout and delivery. As the pandemic started, Chick-fil-A's online ordering app was already eight years old. The app allowed the company to handle direct orders, as well as delivery service orders, that blossomed during the pandemic. Those

two services continue today, and the restaurant has specially designated parking spaces for second-party delivery services and online orders. But, the company also had a drive-thru innovation team that helped it expand its sales tremendously during the pandemic. There are several interesting news reports on this part of the company's operations, which include description of large-scale mock-ups of restaurants and other testing facilities. What resonated most is that they used innovations that bubbled up from individual restaurants to build the enormously effective drive-thru operation that fueled a 16 percent growth in sales in 2020.

Even more interesting is how the company mixed people and technology, using the unique advantages of each. The mix of technology also involved customers at their own level of comfort. In many ways it offers a blueprint for how technology will continue to change our workplaces and lives. For those of you unfortunate enough to have missed a Chick-fil-A experience, it's useful to describe how this has worked through the pandemic.

A customer can access the restaurant in three ways. You can order through a delivery service, like Uber Eats or DoorDash, order a carryout through their app, or you can drive through. The delivery service isn't really different from other restaurants. The only feature I noticed is that Chick-fil-A maintained a separate delivery door for those services, which allowed drivers to access a single common point for pick-up.

Each of these methods used technology, but that wasn't the big innovation. In fact, a simple telephone call could replace these technologies. What made Chick-fil-A different was integrating people in process along with the technology. Here is where the matching the strengths of humans and computers was performed elegantly.

Computer technology is very good at transmitting precise information across space, arranging payment and documenting a transaction. These technologies are far better and faster than people at doing this, but the weak point has always been entering the data. That is why most restaurants use employees to input the order, often with simplifying tools, like order numbers rather than descriptions. This reduces error and speeds up the process. The pre-COVID drive

through lines were occasionally long, but many families chose to dine inside. The face-to-face ordering was always less error prone than the outside speaker. But, during COVID, the lines became untenably long, so the restaurant doubled or tripled its drive-thru line and took the face-to-face ordering process outside the restaurant.

This innovation potentially doubled or tripled the drive-thru order sales. In order to handle the volume, Chick-fil-A combined the ordering and paying operations into one transaction. At some times and some places, the restaurant included staff to direct traffic. All clever innovations, but that didn't solve the distribution problem, once the order was made.

With a single drive through window now servicing multiple lanes, the restaurant needed to hand out food quickly and efficiently. This required human skills. As orders are handed to staff members, they match the order with the car in a noisy and potentially dangerous environment. Here's where no current technology except that nurtured between the ears of a human works well, and without any special training.

Matching orders to cars can be done with technology, but nothing yet beats a human. Deciding that a big order likely belongs to the minivan with six kids, and the small order to the single guy in a pickup is a uniquely human process. Each of the times I drove through the restaurant, this process was obvious. Yes, there was a name on the order, but workers first used judgement then name.

Making this work requires low turnover among employees, which Chick-fil-A obviously worries about. The large tents are placed for their workers, not customers, and they are unusually generous in providing uniforms, coats, hats and gloves to workers. The turnover among workers is just over half that of the industry as a whole, so they are doing something right.

There are two lessons from the Chick-fil-A pandemic story. The first is that productivity growth and innovation isn't just about automation and robotics and job losses. The second is as old as the industrial revolution. No matter how humble their product, firms that match the strengths of people and technology are a key ingredient to economic growth. *Michael Hicks may be reached by email at [cbdirector@bsu.edu](mailto:cbdirector@bsu.edu).*

## Short-cutting Jesus

Churches are taking short-cuts with Jesus when they should be taking the road less traveled. Mainstream Christianity, and their conservative evangelical brethren, have lost a grip on the language and culture of Jesus's day if they ever had it in the first place. Remember, Christianity lost touch with its own Latin and Greek roots and records during the Dark Ages, and the modern church has left well enough alone. Rather than reconstructing all that lost knowledge, Christianity has opted to engage in a sort of quick and easy time travel exercise to reveal Jesus to modern audiences, and he turns out to be just like we always imagined him to be. It's as if he never left us.

Catholics figured out one way to do that early on. Losing touch with Jesus just a few hundred years into their long church history, they initiated the doctrine of the "real presence" to assure folks that Jesus was still with them. His actual flesh and blood from then on were said to be present in the Eucharist materials that priests administered to them regularly.

Protestants developed their short-cut to Jesus, encapsulated in the doctrine of sudden saving grace. Seekers are instructed to simply believe in his name and become born again in an instant like his earliest followers. It's almost as if one were right back with him reaching for his arm and following his steps from village to village.

Latter-Day Saints have presented the world with yet a different quick path to the original Jesus. Jesus, LDS say, not only visited the American continent anciently but visited North America in modern times, appearing to Joseph Smith in a grove of trees in upstate New York. Folks no longer need to worry about finding him in the maze of history, because he has found them and re-introduced himself today.

Such elegant avenues to the historical Jesus are attractive to those who have never read much history but may be short-changing the real Jesus himself. A large and intense group of Biblical scholars started digging around beginning in the early 1800s. But for 200 years now, church-going Christianity has virtually ignored the findings of thousands of deeply honest and highly skilled historians, anthropologists, archeologists, sociologists, and language and literature specialists, preferring their old-fashioned notions as to what Jesus is all about. What have they missed as a result?

As one example, mainstream Christianity offers virtually nothing to explain the eighteen long years of Jesus' life before he started his teaching and healing movement at roughly age 30. Do those years have no significance at all in explaining what his concerns were? We know he was already prepared when he was 12 years old, actively engaging with professors in the temple. But what of the two decades after that? Christians can better know that today, if they care to.

Going back to the theology of the Old Testament to try to understand Moses and the prophets is an equally fraught exercise. For example, theologians of the Old Testament believe with virtual certainty that they know what the Ten Commandments of Moses are about. They are so simple. But they are spectacularly wrong. One must turn to legal historians of the ancient world to get closer to the truth. Jesus worked on correcting the massive misunderstanding of his day concerning the commandments. He presented his findings in the Sermon on the Mount. But theologians have no inkling of the fact that is what his sermon is all about.

It's time that university Biblical studies and ancient languages departments meet and get to know pastors and priests and start up a little conversation. And it's time that parishioners ask their spiritual leaders to get in touch with a more up-to-date version of Jesus.

*Kimball Shinkoskey is a public health worker and historian of religion and democracy.*

## HISTORY

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Notice is hereby given that, on the 14th day of March, 2022, Allen E. Weber of Wabash, Indiana, filed with the Common Council of the City of Wabash, Indiana, a petition for vacation of a public way. The description of the property for which the Petition has been requested is a portion of a public alley running north and south (parallel between Allen Street and Spring Street), beginning at the south line of East Hill Street at the northwest corner of Lot 20 and the northeast corner of Lot 21 thence south to the southwest corner of Lot 20 and the southeast corner of Lot 21 in Eastern Addition to the town (now city) of Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

All of that 10 foot wide alley situated easterly of and adjoining lot 21 (formerly 237-243 East Hill Street) and westerly of and adjoining lot 20 (259 East Hill Street) in Eastern Addition to the town (now city) of Wabash as recorded in plat book No. 2 at pages number 115-116 in the office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said lot 21; thence east ten (10) feet to the northwest corner of said lot 20; thence south along the west line of said lot 20 a distance of one hundred thirty two (132) feet to the southwest corner of said lot 20; thence west a distance of ten (10) feet to the southeast corner of said lot 21; thence north one hundred and thirty-two (132) feet to the northeast corner of said lot 21 and the point of beginning

The petition and all necessary information relating thereto will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Building Commission of the City of Wabash, Indiana, Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday of each week until the date of the hearing on the Petition.

A public hearing will be held on Special Ordinance # 1 , 2022, at a meeting of the Common Council of the City Wabash, Indiana, on the 14th day of March, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana, at which time all interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard on the matters set forth in the Petition.

The City of Wabash desires to make reasonable accommodations to persons with handicaps or disabilities in order that all persons may fully participate in Public Meetings. In that regard, if you need reasonable accommodations to attend and participate in a public meeting, you are to contact the Mayor's Secretary, ADA Coordinator, Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992,(260) 563-4174, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please indicate the accommodation requested and every reasonable effort will be made to comply with your request.

WendyFrazier,  
Clerk-Treasurer  
202 South Wabash Street  
Wabash, Indiana 46992  
R. P. Fisher, Attorney for  
Allen A. Weber of Wabash, Indiana  
259 E. Hill Street  
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COUNTY OF WABASH ) SS:  
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT  
CAUSE NUMBER: 85C01-2201-JT-000003  
IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION  
OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP:  
PE - DOB 3/20/2020  
AND  
AMANDA NELSON-ELLIS (MOTHER)  
CHRISTIAN ROBERTSON (ALLEGED FATHER) AND  
ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS  
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF  
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING  
TO: Any Unknown Alleged Father  
Whereabouts unknown  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed a Petition for Involuntary Termination of your Parental Rights, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Wabash Circuit Court, 49 West Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992 - 260-563-0661 for a(n) Fact Finding Hearing on 3/30/2022 at 9:00 AM and to answer the Petition for Termination of your Parental Rights of said child.  
You are further notified that if the allegations in said petition are true, and/or if you fail to appear at the hearing, the Juvenile Court may terminate your parent-child relationship; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship you will lose all parental rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties and obligations including any rights to custody, control, visitation, or support in said child; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship, it will be permanently terminated, and thereafter you may not contest an adoption or other placement of said child.  
You are entitled to representation by an attorney, provided by the State if applicable, throughout these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship.  
YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, adjudication on said petition and termination of your parental rights may be entered against you, in your absence, without further notice.  
/s/ Lori Draper  
Clerk  
Kaylee Crites, Esq, 32338-34  
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services  
403 S. Cass St.  
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STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF WABASH ) SS:  
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT  
CAUSE NUMBER: 85C01-2201-JC-000003  
85C01-2201-JC-000004  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
LC - DOB 1/8/2014  
LPC - DOB 3/27/2020  
CHILDREN ALLEGED TO BE CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES  
ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS  
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING  
TO: Any Unknown Alleged Father  
Whereabouts unknown  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the children to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Wabash Circuit Court, 49 West Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992 - 260-563-0661 for a(n) Fact Finding Hearing on 3/23/2022 at 9:00 AM. At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor children are children in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing. UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the children; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the children; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the children including child support. YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.  
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Manchester wrestling leads way in Peru sectional

Wrestlers placing in the top four of each weight class move onto regionals

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer  
Freelance Reporter

With the four Wabash County teams participating in the IHSAA Peru Sectional, the Manchester Squires established themselves as the lead dominance when they placed nine wrestlers and sent seven to the regional round.

Wabash finished with five placements while Jared Brooks of the 120-pound weight class qualified for regionals, while Jaydan Goshert of Northfield moved onto the next round where he will wrestle in the 182-pound class.

Southwood did not qualify any wrestlers for regional action but placed two in the final six spots of their respective weight classes.

Wrestlers that place in the top four of each of their respective weight classes move onto regional play.

After finishing the regular season 7-9, Manchester's regular season didn't go the way they had envisioned it but head coach Byron Sweet and his coaching staff knew that the Squires would round

into tournament form when the time was right.

"It was one of those things where all year even when there was those negatives, we continue to tell our kids, we're going to be a good tournament team," Sweet said. "When we get to the tournament format, a bunch of these teams that beat us we're going to finish way ahead of them in the standings. ... We knew that we were better than the teams that we were losing to."

Dylan Stroud and Zach France (31-3) were the lone first-place finishers for the Squires after Stroud won with a tech fall while France won with a pin.

Stroud moves onto regionals with an undefeated record of 29-0.

Isaiah Burlingame, Jordan Ayres, Dominic Lincoln, Trevor Dill and Preston Duffy all placed in the top four and earned the chance to compete in the Maconaquah Regional on Saturday.

For Wabash, Jared Brooks continued his reign of dominance as he rolled through the majority of the competition on Saturday before falling in the first place round to Ethan Holloway of Rochester with an 8-2 decision.

Apaches head coach Matt Zickafoose is confident that Brooks's trend of success will continue through Saturday's regional competition



Photo by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

Manchester's Zach France won with a pin.

where he runs the chance of facing off against Holloway once again.

"He wrestled a tough kid in Ethan Holloway. Both of them are ranked. It can go either way and hopefully next week is going to be our week. Jared's wrestled him a lot last year and Jared beat him more times. They keep going back and forth a little bit. ... It's really going to be an important matchup for

next week as hopefully both of them will be in the finals again and we'll get another good match," he said.

On Saturday, Brooks set the record for all-time wins in Wabash wrestling history with 135.

Goshert of the Northfield Norsemen moves onto regional qualifiers with a record of 18-1 while defeating his first-place opponent from Rochester with a pin in the

first three minutes.

The success of Goshert this season has been a culmination of work that has started from the off-season until now says Northfield head coach Ed Shenefield.

"Jaydan is just an all-around athlete," Shenefield said. "He's a stand out in football but he's just athletically sound and completely round. He's built like a wrestler. ... He's a mat general.

He has a plan going in and he executes that plan."

"We sent him to camps last summer and he just shined. Last year, he was a semi-state qualifier and we understood that was the benchmark for this year. He wants to go to state and we want to get him there."

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com

WABASH VARSITY GIRLS BEAT PERU 58-54



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

The Apaches' Jade Stumbo, left, and Rylee Yoakum, right, hammer the Tigers' high scoring junior Guard Brianna Bennett as she attempts another layup during varsity action on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 26. The host Apaches managed to get past Peru in two overtimes 58-54.

WABASH JV GIRLS WIN



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

Freshman guard Janika Stumbo drives the baseline during the junior varsity game on Wednesday, Jan. 26 with Peru at Coolman Arena. The Apaches took the opener 44-27.



Provided photo

Sophomore Brandon Christlieb and first-year Ty Lynas provided some late-game heroics as Manchester rallied past Franklin College 83-82 on Saturday afternoon in the Spurlock Center.

Manchester men's basketball team secures close victory at Franklin

Christlieb's jumper, Lynas' free throws seal a thrilling 83-82 win

By DILLON BENDER

Sophomore Brandon Christlieb and first-year Ty Lynas provided some late-game heroics as Manchester rallied past Franklin College 83-82 on Saturday afternoon in the Spurlock Center.

After trailing by 10 in the second half, the Black and Gold stormed back to tie the game in the final minute of regulation. A turnover jumper in the paint by Brandon Christlieb, from Ashley and Prairie Heights High School, with 13.8 seconds gave the Spartans a 81-79 lead over the Grizzlies. After a Franklin timeout, Ty Lynas', from Crawfordsville, outstanding ball pressure forced a steal and a foul

by Franklin's Jalen Love. The first-year calmly stepped up to the charity stripe and swished home both foul shot attempts – putting the Spartans ahead 83-79 with just four seconds left in regulation.

Brandon Christlieb would lead all scorers on Saturday afternoon, finishing with a game-high 25 points. Christlieb shot 9-17 from the floor and was a perfect 6-6 from the free-throw line. Ty Lynas added 18 points on the strength of 7-13 shooting. Lynas was also perfect from the free-throw line, going 4-4. Bryant Smith, from West Lafayette and Harrison High School, added 14 points for the Black and Gold after shooting 6-7 in Saturday's game. CJ Hampton, from Hammond, chipped in 11 points and seven boards in the winning effort. Hampton made several clutch plays during the Spartans' late comeback, including converting an old-fashioned three-

point that tied the game at 79 with just over a minute left to play.

Manchester shot 50.8 percent (31-61) in Saturday's win over Franklin College. The Black and Gold also turned the ball over just four times.

Franklin finished shooting 48.4 percent (30-62) on Saturday. The Grizzlies held a 41-28 rebounding advantage in the game. Matt Krause led Franklin with 21 points and 16 rebounds. Ty Wright also had a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

The Spartans (8-11, 7-5 HCAC) will return to Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Wednesday, Feb. 2 to host the Defiance College Yellow Jackets at 7:30 p.m.

Franklin (9-10, 5-7 HCAC) will host Transylvania University on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Six event wins highlight second weekend for MU indoor track & field

Spartans scheduled to return to action on Friday at DePauw

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University indoor track and field teams were back in action for the second consecutive weekend on the evening of Friday, Jan. 21. The Spartans competed in

the Larry Cole Friday Night Invite hosted at Ohio Northern University.

Six event wins highlighted another strong week of performances by the Spartans.

Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, won two events. Salazar posted the top time in the men's mile, crossing the ticker at 4:17.78. His time was a new career-best and moved him up to second all-time on the Manchester Top 10 listings.

Additionally, Salazar won the 800m with a final time of 2:02.26. His time the 800m was a new Larry Cole Friday Night Invite meet record.

Joseph Powell, from Beach Park, Illinois, Zion Benton High School, added an event win triple jump. His best mark of 12.38m stands as the eighth-best mark in school history.



# Spartans women’s basketball topped on road by Franklin College

By DILLON BENDER

The Franklin College women’s basketball team knocked off the visiting Manchester Spartans by a final score of 71-45 on Saturday afternoon as Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play continued for both schools.

The Franklin defense limited Manchester to 30.2 percent shooting (16-53) in Saturday’s contest. Manchester was also held to 8.3 percent shooting (1-12) from distance.

The Grizzlies shot 36.5 percent (23-63) in Saturday’s

game. Franklin also finished shooting 36.8 percent (7-19) from beyond the three-point arc. The Grizzlies also held a 52-30 rebounding advantage over Manchester.

Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, led Manchester with 12 points on 5-10 shooting from the floor. Hillery Shepherd, from Middletown and Shenandoah High School, added eight points. Both Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, and Alexis Porter, from Nashville, Tennessee, and West High School, both scored seven points.

Bayleigh Torrance led Franklin with 16 points and seven rebounds. Destinee Cross added 13 points and eight boards.

The Spartans (7-9, 4-5 HCAC), currently in the middle of a four-game road swing, will travel to Defiance College on Wednesday, Feb. 2 for a 7:30 p.m. contest against the Yellow Jackets.

Franklin (7-12, 5-7 HCAC) will travel to nationally-ranked Transylvania University on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

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Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, led Manchester with 12 points.

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Adelle Stanko, from Okemos, Michigan, won the triple jump. Her best mark of 10.03m catapulted her up to fourth on the all-time Manchester Top 10 rankings.

## SPARTANS

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Ben Villafuerte, from Angola, took home top honors in the shot put. Villafuerte won the last event of the evening with a leading mark of 14.84m. His mark was a new career-best and moved him up to second all-time in school history.

Adelle Stanko, from Okemos, Michigan, also won the triple jump. Her best mark of 10.03m catapulted her up to

fourth on the all-time Manchester Top 10 rankings.

Hannah Brubaker, from Goshen and NorthWood High School, won the 5000m. Her time of 19:04.06 was good enough for ninth all-time at Manchester.

Other podium, or top three, finishes included:

**Men**

■ Gabe Melvin, from Jacksonville, Florida, and Atlantic Coast High School, second-place in the 60m dash (7.12 – 7th all-time on

the Manchester Top 10 listings).

■ Men’s 4-x-200 meter relay team of Gabe Melvin, Tristen Bronaugh, Quentin Willis, and Duriel Moss Jr. earned a second-place finish (1:35.16 – fourth all-time in program history).

■ Thomas Richardson, from Ladoga and Southmont High School, second-place in the 3000m (8:57.28 – new career-best in the event and stands ninth all-time at MU).

■ Timothy Macomber, from Angola, second-place



Joseph Powell, from Beach Park, Ill., Zion Benton High School, added an event win triple jump. His best mark of 12.38m stands as the eighth-best mark in school history.

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in the shot put (13.76m – ninth all-time in school history).

■ Connor Havens, from LaPorte, third-place in the 800m (2:05.77).

■ Joseph Powell third-place in the long jump (5.95m).

**Women**

■ Lauren Smith, from Anderson and Lapel High School, second-place in the 5000m (19:46.77).

■ Morgan Chupp, from Goshen, second-place in the

800m (2:47.54).

■ Erica Mohr, from Payne, Ohio, and Wayne Trace High School, second-place in the weight throw (14.57m).

■ Women’s 4-x-400 meter relay team of Brooke Bouwens, Brandi Smith, Hilary Ernstes, and Antonae Colfield earned a third-place finish (4:35.64).

■ Adelle Stanko third-place in the long jump (4.73m).

The Manchester men ended in a tie-for-second-place with 108 points. Ohio

Wesleyan also scored 108 points. The Ohio Northern men led the field with 179 points. The Manchester women placed third with 86 points. The Ohio Northern women led the field with 158 points.

The Manchester indoor track and field teams are scheduled to return to action on Friday, Feb. 4 at DePauw. Meet time is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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